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"It's vitally important to provide Southeastern Ohio with all of the tools necessary to foster economic development in the region. This airport is a key instrument," Wilson said. "I'm proud to have played a part in helping the university and its airport become more involved in developing jobs and opportunities in the area."

"Our regional airports are important to the long-term growth of our local economies," Space said. "We must do everything we can to help maintain the facility and expand its capacity in order to further economic expansion to the region."

"Congressman Wilson and I will continue to fight for the funding necessary to see to it that Southeastern Ohio continues to broaden its economic base," Space continued.

Wilson and Space secured this funding in the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development conference report, which passed the House of Representatives today. Specifically, this funding will go to enhance the safety and commercial service operations through the construction of an aircraft ramp, build a maintenance vehicle storage facility, and install lighted approach aids. All of these upgrades will make the airport more usable for commercial operators.

In addition to the funding for the OU Airport, the Transportation and Housing conference report will invest \$40.2 billion in our nation's highway infrastructure. The spending bill also invests \$1 billion in our aging bridges. What's more the spending bill contains money to renew all current

housing vouchers and will provide 15,500 new vouchers for veterans, the disabled and low income families.

The \$105.6 billion conference report will now go to the Senate for consideration. If it passes the Senate the bill would then head to the President's desk.

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